27. The Divine Life Society, Bhanjanagar Branch, P.O. & Block Bhanjanagar, Dt. Ganjam.

28. VISWAS Khariar Road Nawapara Block, Kalahandi Dt.

Modification of Existing purchase policy by Kapurthala Rail Coach Factory

2265. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Punjab has urged the Minister of Railways to modify the existing procedures and purchase policy adopted by Kapurthala Rail Coach Factory; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the response of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Computerised Reservation System

2266. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Railway stations where computerised reservation system has been introduced;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some stations, only some trains have been brought under this scheme;

(c) whether there is any proposal to complete the whole system, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is also any proposal to introduce computerisation in more stations elsewhere in the country, if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Four Railway stations already have computerised reservation systems. These are Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) and (c) In the case of Madras, the system presently does not cover all trains, due to inadequacy of computer hardware. Additional hardware is under procurement and is expected to be installed by July 1989 when the remaining trains would also be covered.

(d) Work is in progress for providing computerised passenger reservation system in five cities, viz. Secunderabad, Lucknow, Bhopal, Bangalore and Ahmedabad. The following nine cities have also been included in the Works Programme for 1989-90:

Pune, Guwahati, Jaipur, Patna; Gorakhpur, Trivandrum, Jammu, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.

Introduction of Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Jhansi

2267. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Shatabdi Express introduced between Delhi and Jhansi;

(b) as on date, what had been the total income generated by this train;

(c) what is the capacity of the train;

(d) what is its monthwise occupancy since it was introduced; and

(e) what are the reasons for which the Railways extended the train to Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 10th July, 1988.

(b) Train-wise statistics are not maintained.

(c) 467 Chair Car seats.

(d) The daily average number of passenger booked for journeys between various stations, monthwise, is as under:—

Month	2001 Jhansi-New Delhi Express	2002 New Delhi Jhansi Express
July 88 . .	284	339
Aug. 88 . .	321	321
Sept. 88 . .	242	297
Oct. 88 . .	276	333
Nov. 88 . .	288	324
Dec. 88 . .	326	316
Jan. 89 . .	337	339

(e) The planned route was New Delhi-Bhopal which was fully executed with the completion of electrification of Jhansi-Bhopal section.

Merger of India Tourism Development Corporation and Hotel Corporation of India

2268. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1879 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what is present stage of the proposal for merger of Hotel Corporation of India with the India Tourism Development Corporation; and

(b) what steps are being taken to improve the functioning of the two Corporations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The modalities of merger of Hotel Corporation of India with ITDC are being examined by the Government.

(b) In order to improve the functioning of the Hotel Corporation of India the sales & marketing set up is being strengthened and marketing efforts are being intensified. To improve its operational efficiency the I.T.D.C. is taking the following steps:—

(i) Organising in-house training programmes for updating the skills of staff;

(ii) Paying greater attention to customer satisfaction;

(iii) Taking up a major renovation programme for improving the product.

(iv) Developing business strategies for individual hotel vis-a-vis budget targets;

(v) Streamlining the present operational systems and procedures;

(vi) Raising occupancy through high domestic and overseas marketing inputs.

Passing of the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles, Bill, 1986

2269. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 814 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1989 and state whether any time frame for passing of the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1986 has been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): Due to the busy schedule of business, the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1986 could not come up for consideration in the Winter Session of Parliament, 1988. Notices have since been given to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for consideration and passing of the Bill in the current session of Parliament, 1989.